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SUBJECT: TRSB/MLS IN-COUNTRY JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA

1. SAUDIS ARE EXGREMELY INTERESTED IN FORTHCOMING AWOD
MEETING AND PLAN REPEAT PLAN TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN PRO-
CEEDINGS.

2. APPEARS THEY HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY LOBBIED BY U.K. AND
GERMANS.

3. KEY SAUDI OFFICIALS INCLUDING HEAD OF THEIR AWOD
DELEGATION, ICAO TECHNICAL MISSIION PERSONNEL AND LICKHEED
REPRESENTATIVE TOTALING AT LEAST 17 PEOPLE WERE IN
ATTENDANCE DURING YULO/GUMINA BRIEFING 3/19.

4. EXTENSIVE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ON TECHNICAL
AND OPERATIONAL SUBJECT. THEY WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN
POLITICAL ASPECTS OF AWOD. THE FEEDBACK INDICATED
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SAUDIS WERE EXTREMELY PLEASED WE CAME TO SAUDI ARAIBA.

5. DURING INFORMAL SOCIAL MEETING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
ON TRSB WERE HELD WITH AWOD DELEGATION HEAD, FOUAD
BEHEIRY, AND MUHAMMAD DABBAGH, DIRECTOR ATC PLANNING.

6. ANOTHER MEETING WAS HELD ON MARCH 20 TO DISCUSS

MORE OF THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF MLS. GUMINA MET WITH FRANKLIN D. PURIFOY (ICAO), CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR, AND PLANNED SAUDI AWOD DELEGATION: BEHEIRY, DAIEM AND AL-GHAMDI. DISCUSSED VARIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TRSB AND DOPPLER. BEHEIRY REQUESTED A REVIEW OF DOCUMENT PREPARED BY SAUDI ARABIA RELATED TO DIFFERENCES. REVISED DOCUMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

7. U.S. AWOD DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO MEET WITH SAG DELEGATION IN MONTREAL SOONEST. SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO U.S. OXFORD EDUCATED ENGINEER, SAEED ALGHAMDI, WHO ASKED MOST PENETRATING QUESTIONS DURING THE BRIEFING. ALGHAMDI EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING MULTIPATH WITH EVANS IF POSSIBLE.

8. TEAM BELIEVES THEY PREFER TRSB BUT NEED FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT. HENCE THEIR DESIRE VIEW EXPANDED SYSTEM AT NAFEC PRIOR TO AWOD. IF POSSIBLE, FLIGHT DEMONSTRATIONS. YULO SENDS.
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